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61. (Five times amended) A vehicle having a forward compartment for carrying a driver, and including at least one forward side door providing access to the forward compartment, and an enclosure for passengers, merchandise or equipment wherein the enclosure is disposed to the rear of the driver compartment, and further wherein the enclosure is bounded by exterior, contoured side panels and a rear, including at least one rear door, and optionally at least one rear side door, and wherein each side panel has a lower perimeter that includes a curve to accommodate a wheel well adjacent each side panel;

01 the vehicle comprising at least one storage area disposed between a rear-most one of said side doors and the rear of the vehicle, and adjacent at least one exterior, contoured side panel and extending into the enclosure of the vehicle no further than the wheel well extends into the enclosure, and wherein the side panel adjacent the storage area includes a hinged section effective to provide an opening from the exterior of the vehicle into the storage area, and further wherein the separation width and cross sectional contour of the side panels of the enclosure is substantially the same as the separation width and cross-sectional contour of the forward compartment where it adjoins the side panels of the enclosure.

62. (Amended) The vehicle of Claim 61, wherein the storage system is located intermediate the driver compartment and the rear door.

02 89. (Amended) The vehicle of Claim 85, wherein the vehicle includes at least one hinged section in each of the side panels and at least one storage area located adjacent the hinged sections.